

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims**1. (currently amended)**

A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by converting process for producing single-sided or double-sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, wherein the single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape is positioned on top of the protective material, the shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque colored polymer backing sheet having a top and a bottom face, the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque coloring being disposed in the interior of the backing sheet, so as to avoid abrasion on the punching tool.

2. (currently amended)

A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by converting process for producing single-sided or double-sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, wherein the single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape is positioned on top of the protective material, the shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a backing sheet having a polymer backing including a top and a bottom face, and a ~~non-carbon black~~ an opaque color layer is applied to the bottom face of the polymer backing. ~~so as to avoid abrasion on the punching tool.~~

3. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the opaque color layer is applied over the full bottom face area of the backing.

4. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the opaque polymer backing is one of a polyester, polystyrene, polyamide or polyimide.

5. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the opaque polymer backing is polyester having a thickness of from 12 to 150 μm .

6. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the opaque polymer backing includes an anti-adhesive coating on the top and/or the bottom face.

7. (previously presented)

The protective material as claimed in claim 6, wherein the anti-adhesive coating is one of a silicone-free layer, a low-silicone layer, silicone layer, paraffin layer, Teflon layer or a wax layer.

8. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an anti-adhesive layer applied to the polymer backing and wherein the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque color layer is applied on the same side of the protective material facing the adhesive tape.

9. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from 0.5 to 20 g/m^2 .

10. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque color layer is dyed silicone.

11. (currently amended)

A method for using a polymer backing as a backing sheet in a protective material for a single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape, wherein the polymer backing has a top and a bottom face and is provided with a full-area ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque color layer on the top or on the bottom face.

12. (currently amended)

The method for using the polymer backing of claim 11, wherein the opaque polymer backing is a polyester backing.

Claim 13 (canceled).

14. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the opaque polyester backing has a thickness of from about 25 to 75 μm .

15. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 14, wherein the opaque polyester backing has a thickness of from about 36 to 50 μm .

16. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from about 4 to 8 g/m^2 .

17. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 16, wherein the opaque ~~non-carbon black~~ color layer is applied to the polymer backing at from about 5 to 7 g./m².

18. (currently amended)

A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by converting process for producing single-sided or double-sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, comprising

a single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape positioned on top of the protective material, the shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process, wherein the protective material comprises a ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque colored polymer backing sheet having a top and a bottom face, the ~~non-carbon black~~ opaque coloring being disposed in the interior of the backing sheet, so as to maintain a substantial stable electrical conductivity of the backing sheet.